

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: 2006-2007 Influenza Virus Vaccines

Purpose: To provide storage and handling information for the 2006-2007 Influenza Vaccines.

1. Facts:

a. The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) is the Inventory Control Point (ICP) for the Army for the influenza vaccine which is an AAC A item. The Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia (DSCP), contracts with manufacturers, acquires the vaccine, and distributes it to activities based on the priorities submitted to them by USAMMA. USAMMA follows all requisitions until they are fulfilled.

b. **The influenza vaccines are temperature sensitive products and activities must comply with Cold Chain Management when transporting and storing these vaccines.**

c. The **2006-2007 Influenza Virus Vaccines** contracted for DOD have the following characteristics:

1) NSN: 6505-01-536-9909 - FLUZONE®

NOM: Influenza Virus Vaccine, USP, 0.5 ml dose, 10 dose vial; **for immunizing persons 6 months of age and older;** for Influenza Season 2006-2007

MFR: Sanofi-Pasteur

Unit of Issue: VI (0.5 ml dose, 10 doses per vial)

Unit Price: \$104.78

Acquisition Advice Code: A

Shelf Life: 12 months

Storage: Requires refrigeration. **DO NOT FREEZE**

Store product at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius or 36 to 46 degrees Fahrenheit. Cold Chain must be maintained when transporting and storing FLUZONE® prior to use.

2) NSN: 6505-01-539-3595 - FLUARIX®

NOM: Influenza Virus Vaccine, USP, 0.5 ml dose syringe unit, Thimerosal/Preservative free tip lok syringes, **5's;** **for immunizing persons 18 years of age and older;** for Influenza Season 2006-2007

MFR: GlaxoSmithKline

Unit of Issue: PG (0.5 ml dose, 5 syringes per package)

Unit Price: \$60.16

Acquisition Advice Code: A

Shelf Life: 12 months

Storage: Requires refrigeration. **DO NOT FREEZE**

Store product at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius or 36 to 46 degrees Fahrenheit. Cold Chain must be maintained when transporting and storing FLUARIX® prior to use.

3) NSN: 6505-01-536-9932 - FLUMIST®

NOM: Influenza Virus Vaccine, Attenuated, Intranasal, Trivalent, 0.5 ml dose, Live Virus, Prefilled Single Use Sprayer; 10 sprayers per package; Thimerosal/Preservative free;

for immunizing healthy persons 5 to 49 years of age; for Influenza Season 2006-2007

MFR: MedImmune

Unit of Issue: PG (0.5 ml dose, 10 sprayers per package) **Unit Price:** \$138.75

Acquisition Advice Code: A **Shelf Life:** 6 months

Storage: MUST BE FROZEN; Store product at or below minus 15 degrees Celsius or 5 degrees Fahrenheit. **DO NOT REFREEZE.** Thawed vaccine can be stored in refrigerator and stored at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius or 36 to 46 degrees Fahrenheit for no more than 60 hours prior to use. Cold Chain (FROZEN) must be maintained when transporting and storing FLUMIST® prior to use.

4) NSN: 6505-01-537-4818 - FLUZONE® - Pediatric Vaccine

NOM: Influenza Virus Vaccine, USP, 0.25 ml dose, syringe unit, 10 per package; Thimerosal/Preservative free; **for immunizing persons 6 to 35 months of age; for Influenza Season 2006-2007**

MFR: Sanofi-Pasteur

Unit of issue: PG (0.25 ml dose, 10s) **Unit Price:** \$127.25

Acquisition Advice Code: A **Shelf Life:** 12 months

Storage: Requires refrigeration. **DO NOT FREEZE**

Store product at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius or 36 to 46 degrees Fahrenheit. Cold Chain must be maintained when transporting and storing FLUZONE® prior to use.

d. National Stock Number(s) (NSNs) change yearly for the influenza vaccine. It is essential that the current year's NSN(s) be used in the requisitioning process. NSNs requisitioned must coincide with Requirements NSNs previously submitted. If a change is required, notify USAMMA's Distribution Operations Center, at 301-619-3242/4300 or email usammafluvaccine@amedd.army.mil for assistance.

e. Requisitions shall be submitted beginning 19 July 2006; not before:

(1) Via Internet on USAMMA homepage at this site: <http://www.usamma.army.mil/> Note: It is preferable that requisitions be submitted via the **Internet** as the order will be processed in a more expeditious and efficient manner.

(2) Via email to the USAMMA Flu vaccine address shown above. Email should only be used if a customer does not have Internet access. Prior to transmitting e-mail requests customer should tag their message to notify them that it has been read to ensure it is received at USAMMA.

(3) Via hard copy via FAX to 301-619-4468. FAX is the least preferred method since customers have no guarantee their order is received or processed.

f. USAMMA will not permit activities to submit request with a priority higher than their normal routine request since all units need the vaccine. A statement will be in our outgoing message advising activities not to schedule flu shot programs until their flu vaccine arrives since delays can (and do) occur. USAMMA is not involved in contracting or acquisition of the flu vaccine; these tasks are handled by DSCP.

2. POC is Flu Vaccine Requisition Coordinator, Distribution Operations Center, at 301-619-3242/4300, or email usammafluvaccine@amedd.army.mil